They Say the Coming Season Will be One of Interest.

DUST OF THE DIAMOND

Born the Public Want Good Bull? John M. Ward Thinks So-Vari-

The outlook for baseball for 1895 is brighter than it has been for five years, and this may be taken for all it is worth. To be sure it is the custom of managers and players to say every spring that "the game will take a fresh beam," "things never looked brighter," etc., but they have never made such predictions with as much reason and light as this year.

Just why this is so will be told better in the managers' and players' own words. But, taking everything into consideration, it is hard to believe anything else. There are three main rea-

some on which to base the assumption.
First The presidential campaign is over with, and, little as some may think it, the baseball season is as much affect-

ed by this quadrennial event theaters and business generally.

of clubs the National league and

competition will be lessand the interest

in the great contest proportionately

Third-There will be only one cham-

pionship season. The experiment of

two seasons was tried last year and, as

every follower of the game can tell, it

was not a success. One club had it all

its own way the first series, and another

club in the second. The season was

Brush and the Boom.

We have labored over this business

considerably the post six months, and

If busebull doesn't take a mighty big

beam this nummer I will be very moch

finitely Every objectionable feature that the directors have believed has

handicapped as in past years has been

specific and completely done away with Exerbitant solaries, double

championship series, competing asso-

ciations, the rule with regard to con-

tract jumping everything has been

dealt with summarily, and now we

store by a season of honest, consider-

tions ball playing, with no fear of out-

sole interference or trouble among

clubs because of greater salary induce-

ments. In other words, we mean to.

give the public the kind of ball thee

mawin tens, and for several years be-

for that. They'll see more hard hit-

ting, more buse running and larger

scores this year, and the games for this

We propose to make a bid for halles'

attendance this year, ton. There was a

time when less parties at the ball

games were as swell and usual affairs

an hox parties at the theater. Too

much professionalism, however, hurt

this very desirable feature. In England

the latter are as regular enthusiastic

attendants at the cricket games as the

economy. As to which team will win

the rennant, that is already a foregone

Charley Comising will again captain

and manage the fram, and before he

takes his men south for practice I may

differente my nine. The lieds are cut

for the flag this season, and no mistalen.

They have had it donnted in their faces

long enough. Next full it will float

from the flugstad at Exposition park.

John M. Ward on Your Rails.

I think the result of the country sea-

mon depends largely upon the encount of

this New York and Chinago teams. If

they are playing good ball and their

cities appoint them well there is source

greaters to believe that the reason will

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from the Blints' great work but from

the infinence of the metropolitica papers.

as well. It has been my observation

that the cities that have wen the class-

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JOHN T. BIRTHE.

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TALK ON BASE BALL and was too much for Chicago, and in the association Columbus, Louisville

The quarrel among the clubs them-solves and the disappearance of the favorites from New York and other of the leading clubs also had much to de with dampening popular enthusiasm. Now I believe the public has tired of poor ball and has had enough of it, and

poor bail and has had enough of it, and I will supercert a good club.

We will give New York as good a club this year as possible under the circumstances. You know there has been a cut all along the line and thore may be some trouble in getting the boys to sign. These gentlemen who are supporting baseball in New York are not dependent on what they get out of it for a livelihood, it is true, and yet they are not exactly in it for their health, either. They have been going down in their pockets year after year and paying for the losses without a murmur. It is nothing more than fair that once in awhile they should be althat once in awhile they should be allowed to end a season with something to their credit. We players own it to them to meet them half way and share the burden of keeping up the game. I believe most of the men understand

this and will sign without protest. Chicago has got to have a cracking good team this season if she wants to make it pay. The world's fair will take many people there, but there are other attractions as well as baseball to see, and unless the team is of exceptional

excellence it won't come out any

phia in 1970 for the same reason.

next September than it did last. The

centennial killed baseball in Philadel-

he has been sent a blank contract to fill

out and sign. The amount of salary we can afford to pay him has been filled

out by us however. Kelly is a good

man and I want him if he will come.

He likes to dally and hang off awhile,

but I think he will sit on our bench this

season. With regard to the proposed

rule of putting the pitcher's box back

further, I am not in favor of moving it

they find that the pitcher is unable to

get the ball over the plate at that dis-

tance it may be necessary to increase

the size of the plate. For this reason

the committee on rules should be em-

powered to make any changes at any

Von Cott Talks.

I look for a complete revival in base-

ball affairs this season. I cannot see

how it can be otherwise with the

changes that have been made. With

John M. Ward as our captain the New

York team can hold its own, and speak-

ing for the game in general I am glad

to see that there will be more equality

among the teams of the league than

was the case last season. All the star

players will not be in one or two nines,

and this is as it should be. Buschall is

the great American game and I want to

power as prosident of the home team to

Powers Is Confident.

I look for a genuine old-time, exciting

baseball season this year, just such a

one as we used to have too years ago, he-

fore salaries were so incre and good play-

erasciplentiful. The west was successful

enough last year from a financial

standpoint, but the enet got hit hard.

Then, too, New York's hard luck out

considerable of a figure in the general

depression; for you may talk as you

like, when the Glants are leading the

race baseball is more prosperous and

the Interest is greater. When they are

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the fortunes and changes of baseball,

and I know this to be the case. (b)

mgo. Boston and other cities will

a proven fact all the came.

If I sentil have gotten the team I

laugh at such a statement, but it

wanted last year the result would have

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collect manager and player and draw-

ing eard as John Ward at the head, the

Claute night to be wiscours this year,

and if the more with whom Ward is now

negotiating are secreted they will be

ope of these, and I hope he will sign

the contract to play here. Aside from

his encellent playing qualities, he is a

popular man with the baseball politic

and his increased good nature have

stimulated the Boston team and pulled

them out of many a hote. I tellere

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With regard to Kelly I can say that

As to the salaries, I am in favor of a reduction all along the line. A few years ago, when a man got three thousand deliars a season he was the talk of the country. Now that is considered a meager sum. On account of the two associations last year the unsigned player could use one against the other in the matter of salary, and go with whichever offered the biggest pay. Now, with only one association to deal with, he will be glad to sign even at twenty-five per cent reduction.

It is gar the season began in the middle of April and lasted until October. This year it opens about May I and closes early in September. There were one hundred and thirty-two this. That makes the season long enough to satisfy the appetite of the most desperate fan.

I cannot see why New York should not be a pennant winner this year, and why baseball in general should not prosper with old-time success.

P. T. Powma.

If my judgment does not go wholly wrong this is going to be the most prosperous season baseball has known in years. I don't speak altogether from a box-office standpoint, either, when I make this statement. I mean it will be, as the critics say of a new play, an artistic as well as a financial success. Better ball will be played this season and the contests will be more exciting, and fever heat will be the prevailing

There are several things that go to back up this bold declaration. In the first piace the relative strength of the twelve teams will be more even than it was last year. During the season of 1893 there were a number of teams that were little better than amathat were little better than amateurs. The election of a new president will have a good effect. A very important matter yet to be decided is the distance which shall separate the pitcher's box from the batter this season. Some are in favor of placing it in the center of the diamond. This suggestion was advanced by Mr. Richter, editor of the Sporting Life, Philadelphia, and he has won many over to his way of thinking. The theory of this is that it will lessen the speed of the ball, and give the batter a fairer show. In recent years the game has been between recent years the game has been between pitchers entirely, and much of the old-time excitement produced by hard hit-ting has vanished. Mr. Richter believes if there were more slugging, resulting in fewer 1-0 games, there would be more fun and deeper interest. Capt. John Ward of our team believes that the pitcher's box should not be immediatey placed further back than five feet -or eight, at the most-from the present

As to salaries, I may say that Mr. Ward signed for a very small summuch less than he has played for in many years. I cannot say how much it of Ward's worth. He has looked at the matter in the same sensible light that he views everything, and

for this he deserves great praise. The men whom he will engage will be asked to sign contracts at salaries that would have sent horrors over them last year. It's a case of fish or cut bait, owerer, this year, and I believe all of the men prefer to fish. I can say this much, two thousand four hundred dollars will be a big salary. The season is only six months' long, and four hundred dollars a month is not such a miserable sum, after all. When Ward told Mike Kelly this, the king laughed, and said: "Why, say, Johnnie, that wouldn't buy my cigarettes." But "Kel" was joking. I think he will be a Giant this year. He wanted to come to us last season, but we couldn't take

him at the time he could come. So far as I now can venture to pre-dict, the Giants will, besides Kelly, be made up se follows: Pitchers, Amos Ruste, "Sliver" Ring and Ned Crane; catchers, Boyle, McMahon, Ewing and Doyle, the last an emergency man; first base, Roger Conner, of last year's Philadelphia team, or, if we can't get him, a man equally as good; second base, Ward; third base, Keller; short stop, Fuller; right field, Tiernan; center field, Lyons; left field, probably Burk of last year's team.

That would make a nine hard to beat. White Ward's loss will be keenly felt in Brooklyn, his place on the diamond will be well supplied by Dannie Richardson. Speaking of low salaries, Tony Mullane, the pride of the Cincinnati team, has signed for twenty-one hundred dollars to play in that city again. This, with Ward's salary, shows how the star men in the business look at the matter. They realize that this year is to be a test one in baseball history, and that to make the game a surcess after the fashion of former years they must put their shoulders to the wheel and not let a matter of a few hundred dollars stand in the way of their laboring for the upbuilding of the national game E B TALCOTT

LIFE INSURANCE FOR WOMEN. A Long-Delayed Justice to the Fair Sex Provided For at Last.

The time has been sutil very recently that risks on the lives of won mover taken by certain companies dealing in life insurance. And those that did take such risks made the rate muriy dentitle three which were charged to men, on they argued that women were not us long-lived as men and therefore not nearly as desirable subjects. This continue which for so hong hindered cheer-nighted evenue who were auxious provide for the fature welfare of their loved once in this manner, his now been done away with, and the Philadelphia Times known of one large expression which has taken the lend in this line and is most anxious to seours fust such sees of life towarance and same rates as those that apply to This is so it should be, for woenen are just as desirous of making some provision for their lowed once in case of Section as the leasures business man that ever existed. Many a widow left with belgious little ones bee been leaunted with the thought of their futiern, over though the wore whin to depa with their prosent wants Many a most tile sentiner eras largely respect woman on whom depends an invalid stife. For an account fact, from the heather or steles would feel senth have

ILL-BRED WOMEN.

A Murch Judgment for Ladies Who Bide in Street Corn.

"Why don't I get up and give my seak in a car to a woman whom I happen to see standing after I am seated?" said a broker the other day to a New York Heruld man. "Well, I'll tell you frunkly that it is due to the women. They become more ill-bred and bolder every year. They demand a courtesy so a right. They never think of looking at a car as it approaches to see whether it is full or not or whether it would be better to wait for the next. They just is full or not or whether it would be better to wait for the next. They just board the first to come along and look at the men deprecatingly if they do not rise at once. Personally, I have often waited for four ears to find a seat. Then I hang on to it, except in the case of a woman with babies or an elderly lady. I am a bachelor, and propose to remain so until a woman thanks me for giving her my sout in either an elevated train or a horse car. To such a one I think I'd propose marriage at once. But, or a horse cor. To such a one I think I'd propose marriage at once. But, then, I'm going to be careful to whom I give up my seat. Pretty soon we men will have to surrender our seats in the theater to the woman who buys an entrance ticket. And why not? Your seat in the theater costs, perhaps, one dollar and fifty cents, and your seat in the car costs only five cents. Still the principle is the same, and no woman with a proper sense of delicacy ought to accept anything from a stranger which costs money. What would a woman think at the postage stamp window in the post office if a man ahead of her in the line turned around and said: "Pardon mo, madam, won't you take my stamp?" Yet a stamp is only two cents.

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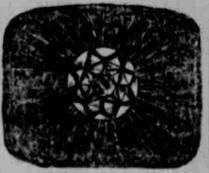
"The trouble was in my womb, causing bearing-down and severe backache. I was so nervous and irritable my people could hardly live with me. Sometimes I would almost fall down, I was so dizzy, and how I did lie awake nights! I thought I should go

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